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SUBJECT: LICENSE OF LEFTIST PRESS TO ATTACK US

THE AUGUST 23 ISSUE OF THE SMALL BOMBAY LEFTIST WEEKLY "CLARITY" FRONT-PAGES AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "CIA STRIKES IN BANGLADESH" ALLEGING US COMPLICITY IN THE MURDER OF MAJIB. "CLARITY" THUS JOINS THE HONORABLE RANKS OF "LINK" AND "BLITZ" IN BLAMING THE US FOR THE COUP IN BANGLADESH. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE GOI CENSORS HAVE PROHIBITED THE PUBLICATION OF SOME ANTI-USG ARTICLES, IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT AT LEAST CERTAIN LEFTIST PERIODICALS DO ENJOY A LICENSE TO CRITICIZE THE U.S. THIS IN CONTRAST TO MOST DAILIES INCLUDING THOSE IN CALCUTTA WHICH ARE NO LONGER PLAYING THE ALLEGATION OF USG RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BANGLADESH COUP. BECAUSE OF CONGEN BOMBAY'S RELATIONS WITH "CLARITY," WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT IT LODGE A PROTEST WITH THE WEEKLY. ON AUGUST 22 THE A/DCM COMPLAINED TO MINDEF SWARAN SINGH ABOUT "BLITZ," AND WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO MAKE SIMILAR PROTESTS AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS WHENEVER THE LIKES OF "BLITZ," "CLARITY," AND "LINK" DEFAME THE U.S. AS THEY HAVE

DONE RECENTLY. HOWEVER, WE ARE FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT PROBABLY FOR REASONS OF CONGRESS PARTY-CPI RELATIONS AND INDIAN-SOVIET
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RELATIONS THE GOI WILL NOT THOROUGHLY ENFORCE ITS OWN CENSOR-

SHIP RULES WHICH WOULD ON THEIR FACE PROHIBIT ACCUSATIONS OF USG
INVOLVEMENT IN THE BANGLADESH COUP.
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